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Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/684,294	UNNO ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
/Joseph Martinez/	2873

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 3-27-07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 44-50.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/934,947.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 10-10-03, 1-12-04, 5-5-04, 6-9-04, 8-10-05 and 8-10-05.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 18-23 and 41-43 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected Invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 3-27-07.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 18-23 and 41-43 directed to inventions non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 18-23 and 41-43 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 44-50 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art taken alone or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the claims, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 USC 102 or 103 would be proper. The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as presented in independent claims 44-47.

Specifically regarding claim 44, Fujishima et al. (6788389) teaches the state of the art of a projection optical system.

But, Fujishima et al. fails to explicitly teach a combination of all the claimed features including the pattern on the mask includes a repetitive pattern and a repetitive

direction of the repetitive pattern differs from directions of two axes that are perpendicular to the [0 0 1] axis of the isometric crystal, as claimed.

Specifically regarding claims 45 and 47, Fujishima et al. (6788389) teaches the state of the art of a projection optical system.

But, Fujishima et al. fails to explicitly teach a combination of all the claimed features including the pattern on the mask includes a repetitive pattern and a repetitive direction of the repetitive pattern forms one of angles of 0 degrees, 45 degrees or 90 degrees with respect to a primary direction on a plane that includes the mask, as claimed.

Specifically regarding claim 46, Fujishima et al. (6788389) teaches the state of the art of a projection optical system.

But, Fujishima et al. fails to explicitly teach a combination of all the claimed features including the pattern on the mask includes a repetitive pattern and a repetitive direction of the repetitive pattern differs from directions of [1 0 0] and [0 1 0] axes that are perpendicular to the [0 0 1] axis of the isometric crystal, as claimed.

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph P. Martinez whose telephone number is 571-272-2335. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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